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NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Plan Finance-II Division, Government of India vide O.M. No. 55(5)/PF-II/2011 dated 6th September, 2016 suggested the States who want to avail of the flexi-fund facility within Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) for Development of Infrastructure Facilities for the Judiciary, should constitute a State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) on the lines of Rastriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY) to sanction projects or activities under the flexi-fund component.

NOW THEREFORE, the State Government is pleased to constitute a State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) comprising of the following namely:-

Serial No	Designation	Department	Designation
1.	Chief Secretary	Government of Sikkim	Chairman
2.	Registrar General	High Court of Sikkim	Member
3.	Additional Chief Secretary	Finance Department	Member
4.	Additional Chief Secretary	Planning and Development Department	Member
5.	Principal Secretary	Home Department	Member
6.	Deputy Secretary	Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India	Member
7.	PCE cum Secretary	Building and Housing Department	Member
8.	LR cum Secretary	Law Department	Member Secretary

The flexi fund will be sanctioned in accordance with guidelines of the scheme at Annexure-I.

By Order and in the name of Governor,

**S.C. Gupta, IAS
Chief Secretary**

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ANNEXURE-I

A. Objectives:

The Flexi-fund component within the Centrally Sponsored Schemes can be used to achieve the following objectives:

- (i) to provide flexibility to States to meet local needs and requirements within the overall objectives of any given scheme at the sub-head level;
- (ii) to pilot innovation to improve efficiency within the overall objectives of any given Scheme at the sub-head level,
- (iii) to undertake mitigation/ restoration activities in case of natural calamities, or to satisfy local requirements in areas affected by internal security disturbances.

B. Fund Allocation and Approval:

- (a) The State may, if they so desire, set aside 25% of any Centrally Sponsored Scheme (including the central and state share for any given scheme in a financial year) as flexi fund to be spent on any sub-scheme or component or innovation that is in line with the overall aim and objectives of the approved Scheme.
- (b) It may be noted that the Name, Acronym and the logo are the core feature of any Centrally Sponsored Scheme, which must be retained for the flexi fund component as well. If the State change any of these core features, the central contribution will cease and the flexi fund component will become a purely state scheme.

C. Use of flexi-funds:

- (a) The flexi-fund would continue to be part of the parent Centrally Sponsored Scheme. It may be operated at the level of the Scheme, Sub-Scheme and its Components, but not at the level of the Umbrella Program, for example, flexi-funds can be spent on any sub-scheme or component, including creation of a new innovative component, under the primary education scheme, but cannot be used to move primary education funds to the higher education or to any other sector. However, it would be permissible to use flexi funds to converge different schemes under an umbrella program to improve efficiency and effectiveness of outcome, for example, nutrition mission can be used to converge anganwadi services with maternity benefits, and health care networks can be used to provide a continuum of health care services across the primary, secondary and tertiary levels.
- (b) It may be noted that the purpose of flexi-funds is to enable the States to satisfy local needs and undertake innovations in areas covered by the Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Flexi-funds should not be used to substitute State's own schemes and project expenditures. It should not be used for construction/ repair of offices/ residences for government officials, general publicity, purchase of vehicles/furniture for offices, distribution of consumer5 durable/non-durables, incentives/rewards for staff and other unproductive expenditures.

D. Monitoring, Evaluation & Audit:

- (a) Web- based reporting for the use of flexi-funds may be designed by adding modules to the existing MIS. Outcomes (medium term) and outputs (short term)

should be part of the MIS along with pictures/images and good practices to ensure greater transparency and learning across States.

- (b) Evaluation of flexi-funds may be done through the existing evaluation mechanism, including those set by Ministries, NITI Aayog, or by independent third parties. Terms and conditions for evaluation may be designed in such a manner that outcomes of the Schemes as a whole, as well as the flexi-funds are well identified and measurable.
- (c) Flexi-fund within each Centrally Sponsored Scheme will be subject to the same audit requirements as the parent Centrally Sponsored Scheme, including audit by the Comptroller & Auditor General.